

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
GOVERNING BOARD, BYZANTINE STUDIES CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 10, 1992

BOARD MEMBERS:

The following members were present at the annual meeting of the governing board of the Byzantine Studies Conference (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1992): Jeffrey Anderson, Mary-Lyon Dolezal, John Fine, Jacqueline Long, Eunice Dauterman Maguire, Timothy Miller, John Nesbitt, David Olster, Marios Philippides, Lucille Roussin, Nancy Sevckenko, Susan Stevens, Denis Sullivan.

Timothy Miller opened the meeting and Nancy Sevckenko welcomed the new board members (Dolezal, Fine, Stevens and Sullivan). The minutes of the board meeting for 1992 were presented and accepted unanimously.

New Business:

- * Language of proposals, abstracts, presentations

Jacqueline Long raised the question of the acceptance of foreign languages for presentation proposals. Discussion centered on issues of responsibility for editing English versions for abstracts, the value of permitting potential speakers to make initial proposals in their native language, problems of camera ready copy and limitations of scanners in reading many alphabets, the possibility of limiting languages to the official languages of the International Conference and the fact the the BSC itself is not an international conference. Jeffrey Anderson proposed that initial submissions be permitted in any language, but that final abstracts and presentations be in English only. The motion carried.

- * Necrologies

The inclusion of necrologies in the annual Abstracts was discussed and the consensus of the board was that this should be done.

- * Election of Officers

Denis Sullivan was elected Secretary-Treasurer, Jeffrey Anderson President, and Eunice Dauterman Maguire Vice-President.

- * Dumbarton Oaks Liaison Committee

The board next considered the nomination of members to the Dumbarton Oaks Liaison Committee with initial discussion of its purpose. Nancy Sevckenko indicated that she had found last year's meeting quite valuable. BSC payment of travel costs to Washington for liaison committee members was described. The individuals nominated for the committee were Jeffrey Anderson (ex officio), Susan Harvey(chair), Christine Kondoleon, Lawrence Butler and Timothy Miller.

- * Board Nominating Committee

It was noted that in accordance with the BSC constitution, the members of the nominating committee for next year's new board members are the second year members of the board (Miller, Nesbitt, Roussin, Sevckenko).

- * 1993 Conference

Nancy Sevckenko provided information of the current state of negotiations for the 1993 conference in Princeton. Forty-five rooms have been reserved at the Nassau Inn on campus at a rate of \$89 single, \$109 double. There was discussion of less expensive accommodations at nearby hotels for attendees with cars, and the possibility of shuttle bus service. Timothy Miller suggested that Jeffrey Anderson investigate with the local arrangements committee the possible necessity of reserving more rooms, whether this would lower prices, and possible subsidies from the Princeton administration and whether these might best be obtained by a letter from the Board president or through the local committee. Eunice Dauterman Maguire noted the need to stress the lower budget

realities of humanities conferences when dealing with university administrations. The consensus of the board was to ask Jeffrey Anderson to work with Slobodan Curcic on these issues.

* Program Committee for 1993 Conference

Charles Brand, Jacqueline Long and David Olster were nominated for chair of the Program Committee and David Olster elected. Jacqueline Long and Charles Brand were then proposed as committee members, as were Tom Matthews and Helen Evans.

* Future Conference Sites

Ann Arbor will be the site for 1994. Nancy Sevckenko, who has spoken with Speros Vryonis, provided information on current negotiations for New York as the site for 1995. Discussion centered on hotel costs and problems of coming from the west coast. Other sites mentioned for future conferences included Lexington (KY), the most likely site, but also East Lansing (MI), Chapel Hill (N.C.) , and College Park (MD.). Alternating between North and South as well as East and Mid-West was also considered. The Board voted 10 to 2 to continue negotiations for New York in 1995, with Chapel Hill as a possible back-up.

*Other Business

Jeffrey Anderson discussed a BSC electronic mail network and will look into this possibility. Timothy Miller proposed raising the cost of purchasing the BSC mailing list from \$25 to \$75 for academic institutions and the proposal passed. Commercial purchasers pay \$300. The meeting then adjourned.